

His Excellencys Richd. Dobbs, Spaight Esqr. Govr. &c.

(ENCLOSURE.)

The great seal is laid off into quarters. the first Sinister is intended for a Sheaf of Wheat and I wish that Ceres with her torch could be inserted to represent the farming interest in the Western part of this State. The first dexter is intended for *Amalthea* with her cornucopiae heaped with Indian corn, that the Corn is falling out representing the great planting interest of Roanoke and the Northern part. the second Dexter is filled with Hhds. barrels and bales of Goods representing the Commerce of the State. the fourth Sinister contains a pine tree representing the lumber pitch tar and turpentine productions of the Southern part with liberty standing under the shade with her cap on a staff by her right hand and the Constitution held by her left. The Artist must correct the disposition of the figures and give them such ornaments and ease necessary. for the classic drapery of the two Goddesses or rather ladies he must consult the cuts of the Pantheon.—I think however their robes are lose and open before to the Knee some part of which are tied with a knot. The motto "His cresco" to be done in the shape of a ribband or label at the bottom. the whole to be engraved deep that a fair and plain impression may be perceived. The diameter of the Seal comprehends three inches. I am doubtfull this size is rather too large. the size of the great seal of the United States would be about proper if the figures can be inserted as well as in the size herewith.

(signed) ALEX MARTIN.

GOV. RICH[AR]D D[OBBS] SPAIGHT TO ABISHA THOMAS.³³

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SIR

Being perfectly ignorant of the Science of Heraldry I would not presume to give any particular directions respecting the great Seal of the State the copy you sent Governor Martin I saw when it was in the Commons but cannot find it among the papers returned to me by Mr. Hunt I prefer it by far to Governor Martin's Sketch I think his too large and the Objects too crowded and diminutive. the fault which you found with the copy you sent the Governor might be easily amended by adding a Ship in the most proper part which is in my opinion the most sublime emblem of Commerce, and will stand for boxes, bails, tobacco, Hhds. pitch, tar, and turpentine barrels, and a thousand other minute articles the basis of Commerce.

I shall leave the business wholly to you. you are in a City where the arts and Sciences are understood and where you can get the

³³From Executive Letter Book, pp. 20-21.